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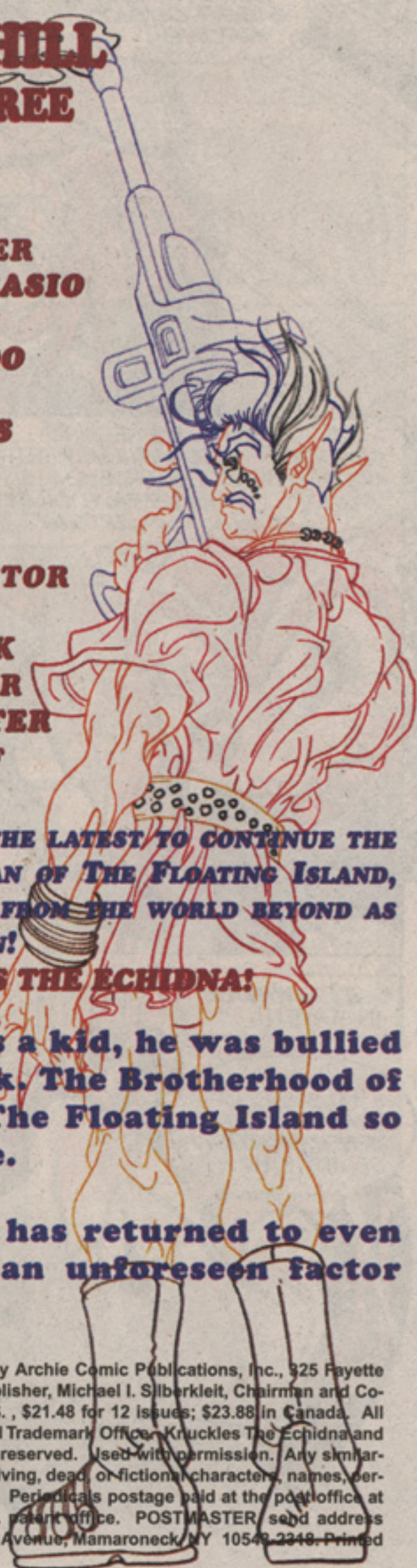
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BORN TO THE MOST NOBLE OF ECHIDNA HOUSES, THE LATEST TO CONTINUE THE FAMILY HERITAGE AND RESPONSIBILITY AS GUARDIAN OF THE FLOATING ISLAND, DEFENDER OF ALL AGAINST THE FORCES OF EVIL FROM THE WORLD BEYOND AS WELL AS THOSE WHO WOULD THREATEN FROM WITHIN!
ARCHIE COMICS AND SEGA PRESENT... KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA!

The story so far... when Knuckles was a kid, he was bullied by a slightly older gorilla named Monk. The Brotherhood of Guardians secretly threw Monk off The Floating Island so he couldn't bother Knuckles anymore.

It is now the present day, and Monk has returned to even the score with Knuckles. However, an unforeseen factor has come to play...

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IN THE COMMAND CENTER OF HAVEN, HOME OF THE BROTHERHOOD OF GUARDIANS, WE FIND SABRE AND SOJOURNER DEALING WITH AN UNEXPECTED PROBLEM...

SOMETHING IS SERIOUSLY WRONG!

ALL OF OUR MONITORS HAVE GONE OFFLINE!

ANY IDEA AS TO THE CAUSE?

THE SENSORS ARE OFF THE DIAL!

WE NEED TO ESTABLISH WHETHER THE PROBLEM IS INTERNAL OR EXTERNAL IN ORIGIN!

WELL, LET'S JUST HAVE A LOOK AT THE MAIN CIRCUIT BOARD THEN!

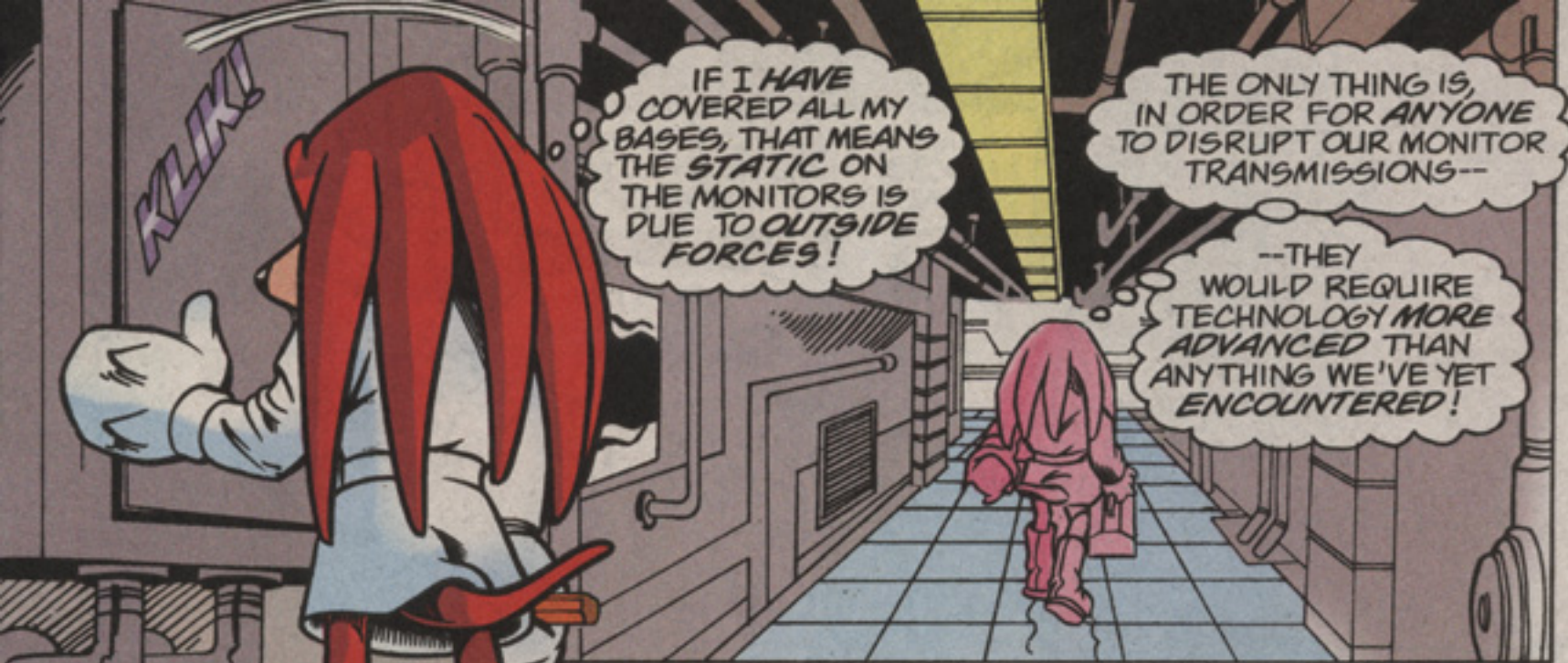
ALLOWING, OF COURSE, THAT OUR PROBLEM IS HERE INSTEAD OF--

"--ELSEWHERE IN HAVEN..."

Hmmm... NO SIGNS OF BURN-OUT OR DETERIORATION OF ANY KIND--

--OR EVEN FOUL PLAY FOR THAT MATTER!

SO, WHAT AM I MISSING?



IF I HAVE COVERED ALL MY BASES, THAT MEANS THE **STATIC** ON THE MONITORS IS DUE TO **OUTSIDE FORCES**!

THE ONLY THING IS, IN ORDER FOR **ANYONE** TO DISRUPT OUR MONITOR TRANSMISSIONS--

--THEY WOULD REQUIRE TECHNOLOGY **MORE ADVANCED** THAN ANYTHING WE'VE YET **ENCOUNTERED**!



AHH, THERE YOU ARE, LOCKE!

HAVE YOU SOLVED OUR **CONUNDRUM** YET?

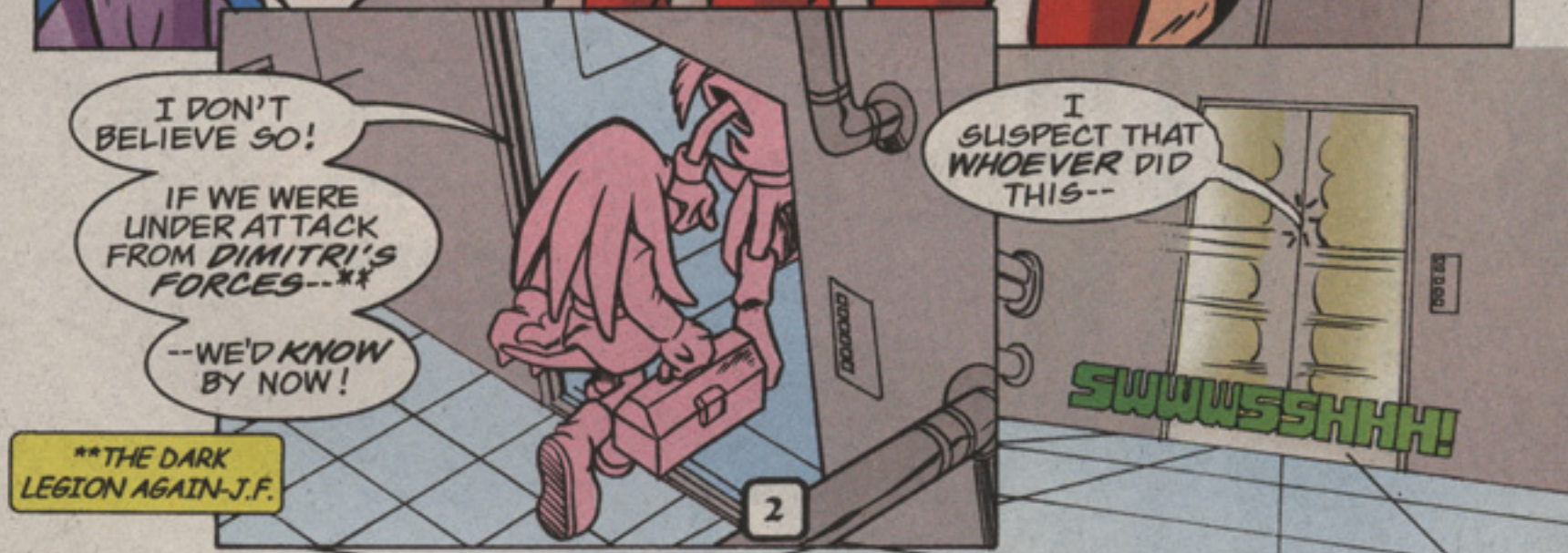
GRANDFATHER **THUNDERHAWK**--

--OUR EQUIPMENT APPEARS TO BE IN **PEAK** CONDITION, SO OUR **MALFUNCTION** IS MORE LIKELY DUE TO SOME **OUTSIDE FORCE**!



COULD IT BE **MORITORI REX**?*

*MEMBER OF THE **DARK LEGION-J.F.**



I DON'T BELIEVE SO!

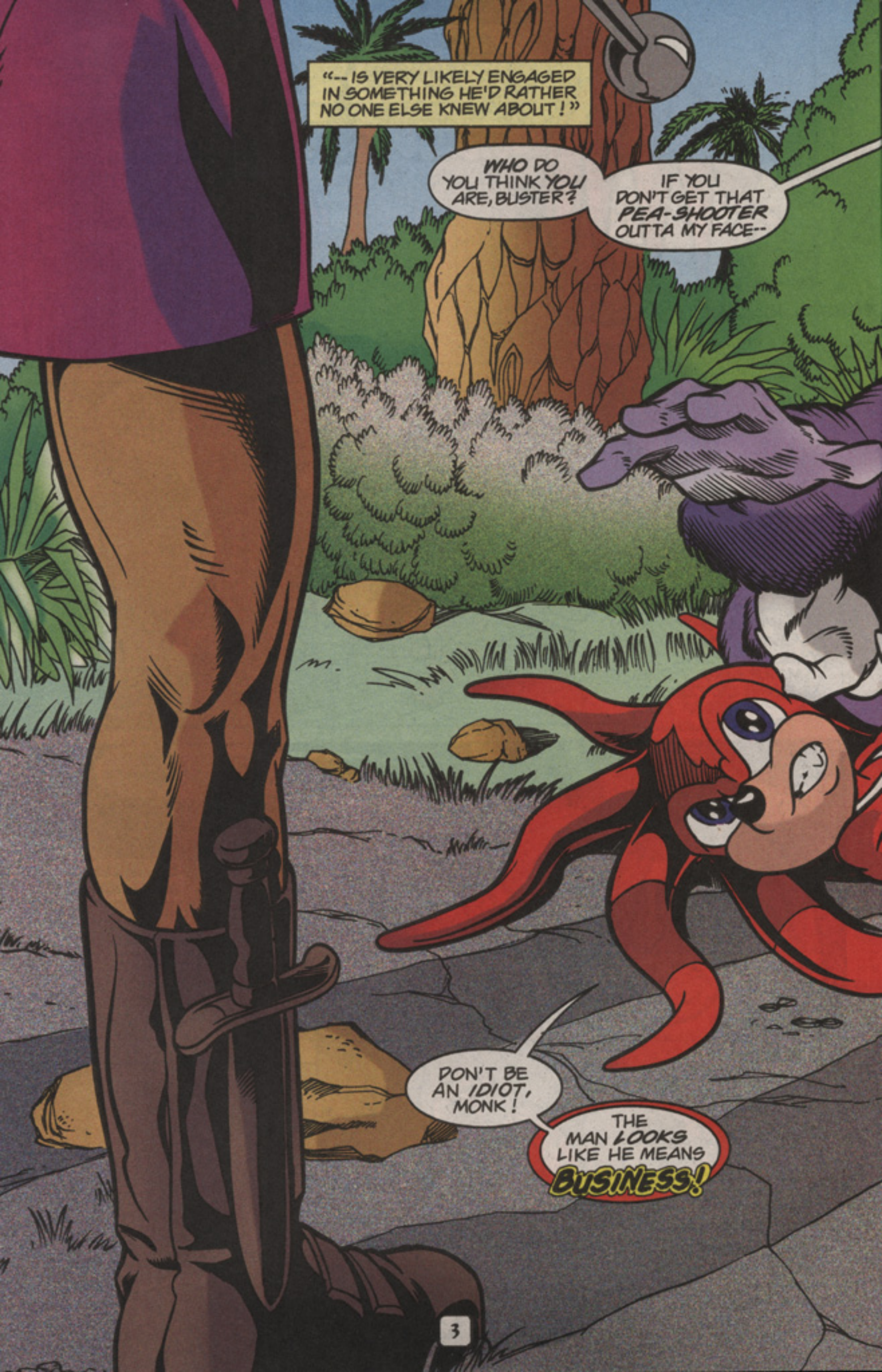
IF WE WERE UNDER ATTACK FROM **DIMITRI'S FORCES**--**

--WE'D KNOW BY NOW!

I SUSPECT THAT **WHOEVER** DID THIS--

SWWWSSHHH!

THE **DARK LEGION AGAIN-J.F.



"... IS VERY LIKELY ENGAGED
IN SOMETHING HE'D RATHER
NO ONE ELSE KNEW ABOUT!"

WHO DO
YOU THINK YOU
ARE, BUSTER?

IF YOU
DON'T GET THAT
PEA-SHOOTER
OUTTA MY FACE--

DON'T BE
AN IDIOT,
MONK!

THE
MAN LOOKS
LIKE HE MEANS
BUSINESS!



-- I'M
GONNA WRAP
IT AROUND YOUR
NECK!

the THRILL of
the HUNT



DON'T
PLAY THE
INNOCENT
WITH ME,
KNUCKLES!

I'VE STUDIED
YOU FOR A LONG
TIME, AND I KNOW
WHO AND WHAT
YOU ARE!
THAT'S
WHY I'VE
SOUGHT YOU
OUT!

THIS OUGHTTA
BE GOOD!

HEY!!
WHAT'S
THAT--



--COMING FROM OUT
OF THOSE BUSHES ?!!



SHADES OF
DIMITRI !!!

IT'S A
ROBOTICIZED
OVER-
LANDER!!!

HARDLY!

THIS IS MY
MANSERVANT,
ARYU ONE-TWO,
A VERY UNIQUE
CREATURE, IF I DO
SAY SO MYSELF!

WHOA!
HE JUST
PICKED UP
MONK AS IF
HE WERE
A SACK OF
POTATOES!



ARYU IS CAPABLE
OF MANY THINGS!

NOW
THEN--

--PERHAPS I COULD
PERSUADE YOU TO
FOLLOW ALONG ?



AT THAT MOMENT, INSIDE THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF HAVEN, WE FIND THE GUARDIAN LOCKE INTERRUPTED IN THE COURSE OF HIS WORK BY NONE OTHER THAN...

ARCHIMEDES!

WHAT HAPPENED?
WHERE'S KNUCKLES?

I WENT
AFTER THE
LAD AS YOU
REQUESTED--

--BUT HE WAS
NOWHERE TO
BE FOUND!

NOT IN HIS DEN OR
ANYWHERE I COULD THINK OF
IN ECHIDNAOPOLIS!

HE COULD BE
IN DANGER!

I'VE CHECKED EVERY
CIRCUIT ON OUR MONITORING
SYSTEM, AND BY ALL RIGHTS,
WE SHOULD BE ONLINE!

THAT SIGNIFIES
TO ME SOME OUTSIDE
FORCE MAY BE TRYING
TO CRIPPLE US!

IF SOMEONE
IS CAPABLE OF
INCAPACITATING
THIS GROUP, THEY'RE
DEFINITELY A FORCE
TO BE RECKONED
WITH!

AGREED!

WE HAVEN'T A
MOMENT TO LOSE!
WE HAVE TO FIND
KNUCKLES!

WHERE
TO FIRST,
LOCKE?

OUT THERE!
THAT AWAY!

BAMF!

END OF CHAPTER ONE

the THRILL of the HUNT

Chapter Two

AS LOCKE AND ARCHIMEDES SEARCH FOR THE YOUNGEST GUARDIAN OF THE FLOATING ISLAND, WE FIND THE OBJECT OF THEIR SEARCH HESITATE AS HE APPROACHES HUNTER'S YACHT...

I CAN
IMAGINE
FOR
WHAT!

ISN'T SHE
A BEAUTY?
I HAD HER
SPECIALLY
BUILT!

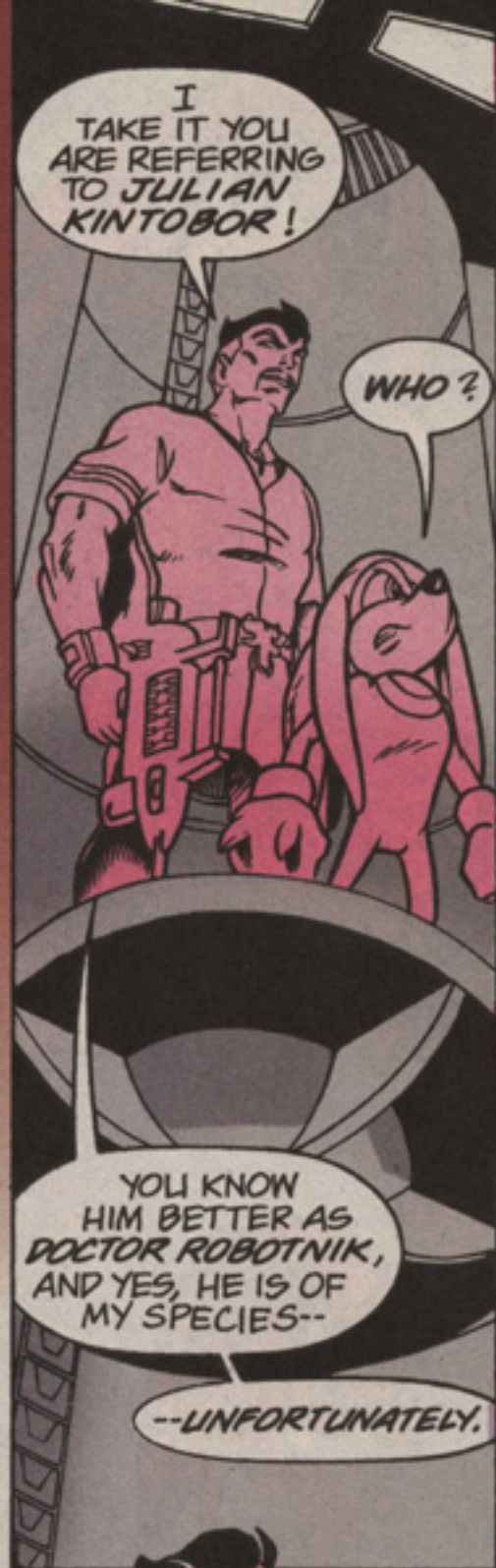
I DOUBT THAT! IT'S
MORE THAN JUST A MEANS
OF TRANSPORTATION!

IT IS ALSO
MY HOME!
COME!

THIS IS THE BRIDGE--
THE NERVE CENTER
OF MY SHIP!

IT CAN FUNCTION AUTOMATICALLY--
OR I CAN FLY HER MYSELF WHENEVER
THE MOOD STRIKES ME!

YOU WOULDN'T
BE RELATED TO A
CERTAIN OVERWEIGHT
MANIAC WITH DELUSIONS
OF GRANDEUR?





I COULD HAVE SHOT YOU DEAD JUST THEN, BUT THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN RIDICULOUSLY EASY!

YOU SEE, KNUCKLES, I ENJOY THE COMPETITION! I LIKE AN OPPONENT WHO FIGHTS BACK!

WELL, IF IT'S A FIGHT YOU WANT--

--I'LL BE MORE THAN HAPPY TO GIVE YOU ONE!

CAN YOU TAKE A BEATING WITHOUT A GUN, BIG MAN?

--IT'S BEING A POOR SPORT!



THOUGH I COULD PROBABLY TAKE YOU IN A PHYSICAL CHALLENGE, I PREFER A CONTEST OF STRATEGY!

WHAT MAKES YOU THINK I'LL COOPERATE?

MONK? HE'S NO SKIN OFF MY NOSE!

I ANTICIPATED SOME FORM OF PERSUASION MIGHT BE IN ORDER--

-- SO I LOOKED AROUND FOR THE BEST REASON I COULD FIND IN ORDER TO CONVINCE YOU!

NEED I SAY MORE?

ELSEWHERE ON THE FLOATING ISLAND,
NEAR THE SITE WHERE KNUICKLES AND
MONK FIRST ENCOUNTERED HUNTER...

AHA!

MY SUSPICIONS WERE
CORRECT, ARCHIMEDES!

SOMEONE
HAS DEFINITELY
TAMPERED WITH
OUR
EQUIPMENT!

AND BY
THE LOOKS OF
THIS LITTLE
DEVICE--

--THEY KNEW EXACTLY
WHAT THEY WERE DOING!

OBVIOUSLY,
WHOEVER-IT-WAS
KNOWS ABOUT THE
GUARDIANS, WHICH
DOESN'T LEAVE US
A LONG LIST OF
SUSPECTS!

WHOEVER-
IT-WAS MAY
HAVE TRIED
COVERING
THEIR
TRACKS--

BAMF!

--BUT HE, SHE OR
IT WASN'T ENTIRELY
SUCCESSFUL!

TAKE A
LOOK!

UNLESS OUR FRIEND CAN
WALK ON AIR, THEY
COULDN'T HELP BUT LEAVE
AN IMPRESSION!

ALLOWING FOR
THE POSSIBILITY
THIS MAY BE A DECOY
OF SOME KIND--

BAMF!

"--LET'S FOLLOW THE TRACKS
AND SEE WHERE THEY LEAD!"

I'M NOT
EXACTLY
WILD
OVER THE
STYLE!

GIVE ME ONE GOOD
REASON WHY I SHOULD
DO ANYTHING YOU SAY,
OVERLANDER!

NOW THAT
THE GORILLA IS
AWAKE--HERE! PUT
THESE ON!

I'LL GIVE YOU
SEVERAL!

THOSE
LASERS YOU
SEE DESCENDING
FROM THE CEILING
CAN BE PRETTY
CONVINCING!

K-KLING!

NOW, LET'S QUIT WASTING
MY TIME, SHALL WE?

YOU
MAY HAVE
ME IN
THE BAG,
HUNTER--

YOU MAY BE MORE
ALTRUISTIC*THAN
OUR MONKEY FRIEND,
KNUCKLES--

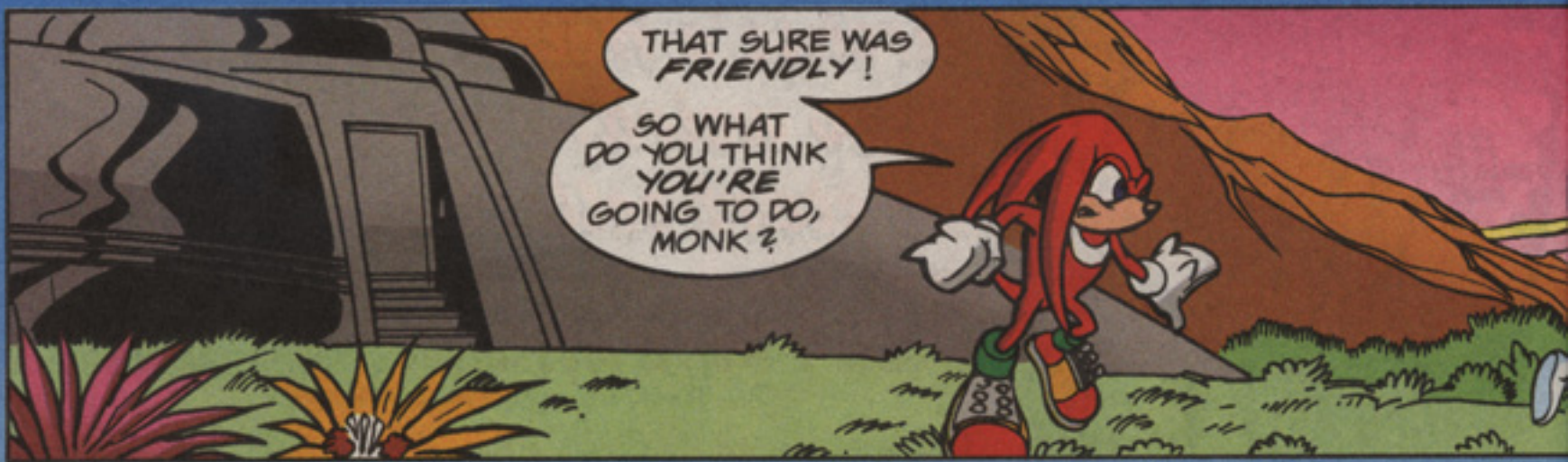
--BUT HE'LL LEARN
WHAT'S IN HIS BEST
INTEREST BEFORE
LONG!



*MEANING 'UNSELFISH!'
-DICTIONARY GABRIE

--BUT WHAT MAKES
YOU THINK BIG, TALL
AND HAIRY IS GOING
ALONG WITH THE
PROGRAM ONCE WE'RE
ON THE OUTSIDE?

NOW
GO!



THAT SURE WAS FRIENDLY!

SO WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING TO DO, MONK?



WAIT--

ARRGH!!

AAHHHRRR!



huh
huh

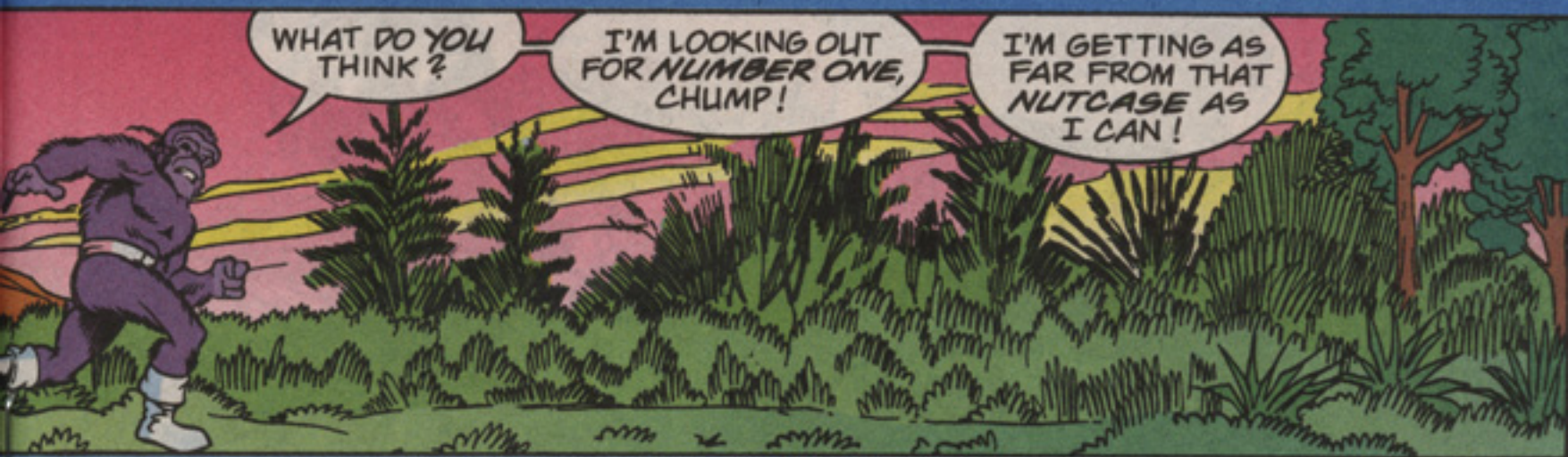
OOOH--
THAT REALLY
HURT!



HEY,
CHUMP--

YEAH--
WELL--





WHAT DO YOU THINK?

I'M LOOKING OUT FOR NUMBER ONE, CHUMP!

I'M GETTING AS FAR FROM THAT NUTCASE AS I CAN!



--I THINK THAT EXPLAINS THE NECK-WEAR!



DON'T YOU SEE, MONK?

HUNTER DIDN'T--WANT US--TO GO IT ALONE!



HE WANTED A CHALLENGE!

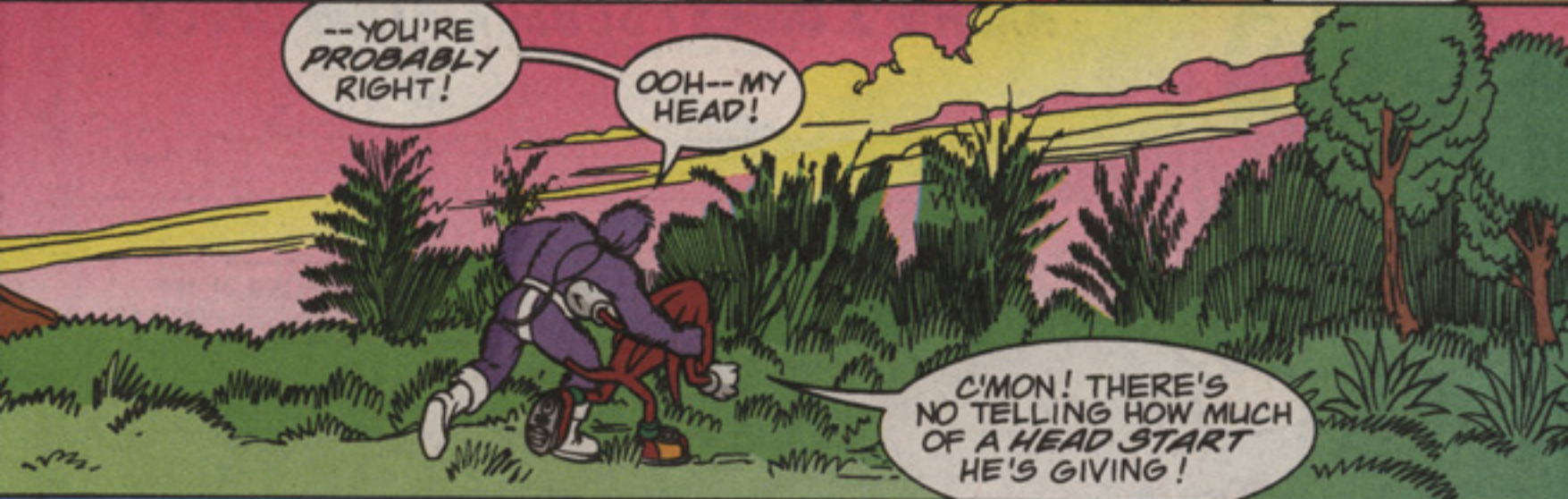
SO, EITHER WE GIVE HIM ONE--



--ONCE I PULL IT OFF--

--OR WE'RE THE DEAD DUCKS!

AS MUCH AS I HATE TO ADMIT IT--



--YOU'RE PROBABLY RIGHT!

OOH--MY HEAD!

C'MON! THERE'S NO TELLING HOW MUCH OF A HEAD START HE'S GIVING!

THE CO-STARS TAKE THE LEAD!



WHOSE COMIC IS THIS ANYWAY?



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Y2K OK
THIS SEAL GUARANTEES YOUR SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE SAFE INTO THE MILLENNIUM!



IT'S BEEN A
LONG TIME SINCE
I LAST TRACKED
DOWN SO
WORTHY AN
ADVERSARY--

--THAT I HAD
BEST SAVOR THE
EXPERIENCE--

--FOR WHO CAN
SAY WHEN THE
NEXT TIME WILL
COME ?

ALL RIGHT,
ECHIDNA--

-- LET THE HUNT
COMMENCE!



TO BE CONTINUED...

ESPIO THE CHAMELEON

PART 2

THE
BEST
OF
FRIENDS

THE STORY THUS FAR... ESPIO ASSISTED JULIE-SU IN HER SEARCH FOR KNUCKLES. THE INTREPID DUO CAME ACROSS BARNEY, A FELLOW CHAMELEON FROM ESPIO'S VILLAGE, LYING INJURED IN THE FOREST. BEFORE FALLING UNCONSCIOUS, BARNEY TRIED TO WARN THEM AWAY.

UNDETERRED, ESPIO SENT BARNEY WITH JULIE-SU TO SEEK MEDICAL HELP, WHILE HE PAID A VISIT TO THE VILLAGE IN SEARCH OF ANSWERS, ONLY TO FIND THE LAST THING HE EVER EXPECTED...

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WHAT
ON MOBILUS
HAPPENED TO
YOU, VALDEZ?

HOW DID
YOU GET LIKE
THIS?

DON'T BE UPSET,
MY FRIEND!

I'M *QUITE* WELL,
ACTUALLY! *BETTER*
THAN I'VE EVER BEEN!

ALL
OUTWARD
EVIDENCE TO THE
CONTRARY--

--I'D STILL LIKE
TO HEAR HOW YOU--
UH--YOU KNOW--

DON'T BE SO
PEE-CEE,
ESPID!

"I WAS ON A MISSION
TO ASSIST IN THE
EVACUATION OF THE
CITIZENRY OF
MOBOTROPOLIS--

HOW DID I ACQUIRE THE
ARMOR PLATING IS
WHAT YOU'RE TRYING TO
ASK, ISN'T IT?

"--WHEN WE DISCOVERED ROSIE AND
HER YOUNG WARDS IN DIRE NEED...

"THE COMMANDER
ISSUED A WARNING TO
THE INVADING FORCES,
THEN DIRECTED US TO
ATTACK..."

"NATURALLY, WE
DID WHAT WE
WERE TOLD..."

KABOOM!

BOMB--
SHOW THEM
WHAT I
MEAN!

"DURING THE HEAT
OF BATTLE, HOWEVER,
MY FELLOW COMMANDOS
ABANDONED ME..."

LET'S
GO!

"YOU CAN'T BEGIN TO IMAGINE HOW
DEVASTATED I FELT AT BEING LEFT
BEHIND BY MY COMRADES,
ESPECIALLY AFTER ALL WE'D BEEN
THROUGH TOGETHER! *

WAIT!

AARGH!

* A WARPED P.O.V. OF
EVENTS IN SONIC #75.- JFG.

"BY A QUIRK OF FATE, MY SALVATION CAME IN THE FORM OF A RATHER ECCENTRIC CHARACTER..."

PUT HIM OVER THERE-- ON THAT TABLE!

WHAT HAVE WE HERE? A CHAMELEON?

WHAT IS HE DOING SO FAR FROM THE FLOATING ISLAND?

THIS ONE MAY PROVE QUITE USEFUL AFTER ALL!

"HE WAS A KINDLY DOCTOR, AND IF HE HAD NOT TAKEN CARE OF ME, I MIGHT NOT HAVE SURVIVED MY INJURIES..."

... I'LL HAVE THE PERFECT LIEUTENANT TO CARRY OUT MY PLANS FOR THE FLOATING ISLAND!

ONCE YOU'RE EXPOSED TO THE EFFECTS OF MY ROBOTICIZER...

WHA--? WHERE--?

YOU JUST LIE BACK AND RELAX, MY FRIEND!

IT'LL ALL BE OVER IN JUST A MINUTE!

"I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE DOC DID, BUT I FELT LIKE A WHOLE NEW BEING AFTER..."

A MINDLESS DRONE CAN'T ACCOMPLISH MUCH, BUT ONCE I FINISH REPROGRAMMING MY LATEST RECRUIT HERE--

BUT...

--YOU'LL BE MORE THAN CAPABLE OF CARRYING OUT THE TASK I HAVE FOR YOU--

--ON THIS PIECE OF REAL ESTATE SHOWN HERE IN MY 3-D DIARAMA!

DOCTOR ROBOTNIK THEN EXPLAINED HOW SOMETHING CALLED THE CHAOS EMERALD COULD SAVE THE ENTIRE PLANET FROM THE EVIL KING ACORN!

UNFORTUNATELY--

--A CERTAIN GROUP OF ECHIDNAS WISH TO USE THE EMERALD FOR THEIR OWN SCHEMES OF GLOBAL DOMINATION!

I'M BEGINNING TO DOUBT YOU'RE THE REAL VALDEZ!

YOU SURE DON'T SOUND LIKE HIM!

I'M DISAPPOINTED IN YOU, MY FRIEND!

I THOUGHT OF ALL WHO WOULD BELIEVE MY TALE, IT WOULD BE YOU!

SINCE MORE PERSUASION IS REQUIRED--

--PERHAPS OUR CHARMING LIZA CAN CONVINCE YOU!

MY, MY! WE'RE NOT SO CO-OPERATIVE NOW, ARE WE?

COULD IT BE OUR LIZA HAS HAD A CHANGE OF HEART?

LET ME GO!
LET ME GO!

OR IS IT THAT YOU'RE FINALLY
ACKNOWLEDGING YOUR PREFERENCE
FOR *ESPIO* OVER ME?

WHAT IS
HE TALKING
ABOUT, LIZA?
WHAT HAVE YOU
DONE?

I KNEW YOU
AND VALDEZ WERE
BEST FRIENDS,
ESPIO--

--SO I THOUGHT
YOU COULD REASON
WITH HIM. IF I'D HAVE
KNOWN THIS...

IT'S OBVIOUS OUR DEAR
LIZA HAS OUTLIVED
HER PURPOSE!

TAKE HER TO
THE CHAMBER!

NO!
NO!

LEAVE
HER ALONE,
VALDEZ!!!

WHAAM!!!

DUM

JUST BECAUSE
SOMEONE *SAYS*
THEY'RE A
FRIEND, ESPIO--

--DOESN'T *MEAN*
THEY *ARE* ONE!

I OFFER UP
EXHIBIT A!

OUR DEAR, SWEET LIZA--WHO
SHOWED HER *TRUE COLORS*
WHEN SHE *BETRAYED* ME!

BY DOING SO, SHE
FORFEITED HER
RIGHT OF *FREE*
CHOICE!

ONCE HER *TREATMENT* IS COMPLETE,
SHE WILL *NEVER* BE *DISLOYAL* AGAIN!

SUCH A *FATE* AWAITS ALL
WHO WOULD *OPPOSE* ME!

YOU
MONSTER!!!

MAYBE--MAYBE *NOT*!
THAT DEPENDS ON YOU,
MY *FRIEND*!

TELL ME ALL YOU KNOW
OF THE ECHIDNA *KNUCKLES*,
AND HIS SECRETS, AND
I'LL *SPARE* THE
REMAINING
CHAMELEONS!

BUT IF YOU
DON'T, I'LL
ROBOTICIZE
EVERY LAST
ONE OF YOUR
PEOPLE!

TO BE CONTINUED...

FISTFUL

OF



OFF PANEL

by Gallagher, Manak & Amash

THIS JUST IN!

The upcoming "SONIC ADVENTURE" storyline on sale late November through late January 2000 in a story so huge that it's taking a multiple issues of SONIC THE HEDGEHOG and one 48-page SONIC SUPER SPECIAL to tell it all. That, my friends, is the official game adaptation to 'SONIC ADVENTURE!' This game can only be played on one new system: SEGA's DREAMCAST -- "the ultimate gaming machine" -- debuting on 9/9/99!

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Catch you on the flip side!

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Re: KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA
#27-

Dear Knuckles,

Greetings from the United Kingdom! Having read KNUX #27, I thought the story was terrific! This unexplored aspect of Knuckles' character is certainly proving to be interesting. Chris Allan's artwork is also improving, as well, and I certainly look forward to reading Knux #28!

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Thanks for the kind words. Everyone here was quite impressed by Chris' version of the Knuckles cast of characters that we asked him to try his hand pencilling the "Tales Of The Great War" stories running in the current issues of SONIC THE HEDGEHOG. Check it out and see if you don't agree. On the other hand, we did have our dissenters, as stated by our next correspondent.

Hello, Mr. Penders.

It feels pretty cool just to write to you. I am a big fan and collector of the Sonic and Knuckles comic books. The only complaint I have about the Knuckles comic is that the story artwork has gotten downright terrible (not to pin the blame on anyone...Chris Allan!), but I've always loved the cover art. I've really grown to love the stories.

I like all the drama, politics, and romance. It's nice to see that the Knuckles comic hasn't turned into just another brainless action beat-'em-up comic. Thanks for making the Knuckles comic such a joy to read!

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We're sorry Chris wasn't your cup of tea, Jayson. Part of the problem, as we have seen over the years happen with many series, is that when the fans are used to a particular creative team on a book for such a long stretch, as Ken, Manny and Andrew were over the first 20 issues of this series, they are resistant to change, any change, no matter how good the stories and art are. However, if an artist stays on a book long enough, more often than not, he/she usually wins them over.

Dear Knuckles,

How are you doing? I just finished reading KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA #27. I am glad that you finally asked Julie-Su out on a date with you. I very much enjoyed the story and animation. Can't wait for KNUX #28. Get to know Julie-Su more, she's cool. You are cute and she is pretty. I hope you guys keep your relationship going on forever. I am sure Knux wants a son to follow in his footsteps. Don't forget to kiss her, and give her flowers. Julie-

Su is your type of girl. Speaking about the other guy, Vector, where's his date? I hope he doesn't give up. I don't seem to like what's happening with Lara's and Wyn's relationship that much. Your birthday is coming, so I'll just say Happy B-Day!! I am hoping to see Charmy and Safron soon. Since it's love season, I am in love with the one and only Constable Remington. He's my kinda' guy. I very much like and enjoy romantic comedy. Thanks!!

Mary Ann Remington
Honolulu, HI

You're most welcome, Mary Ann. Your response, along with the vast majority of the readership, has been very positive concerning "The First Date" storyline, which is gratifying considering that for a series supposedly aimed primarily at young boys, the last thing anyone would expect from us is a romantic comedy. Expect to see more of the unexpected from us in future stories to come, such as... awww, that would be telling.

Well, that's it for this month. Thank you all for your comments. See you in thirty. And remember...

KEEP COOL!

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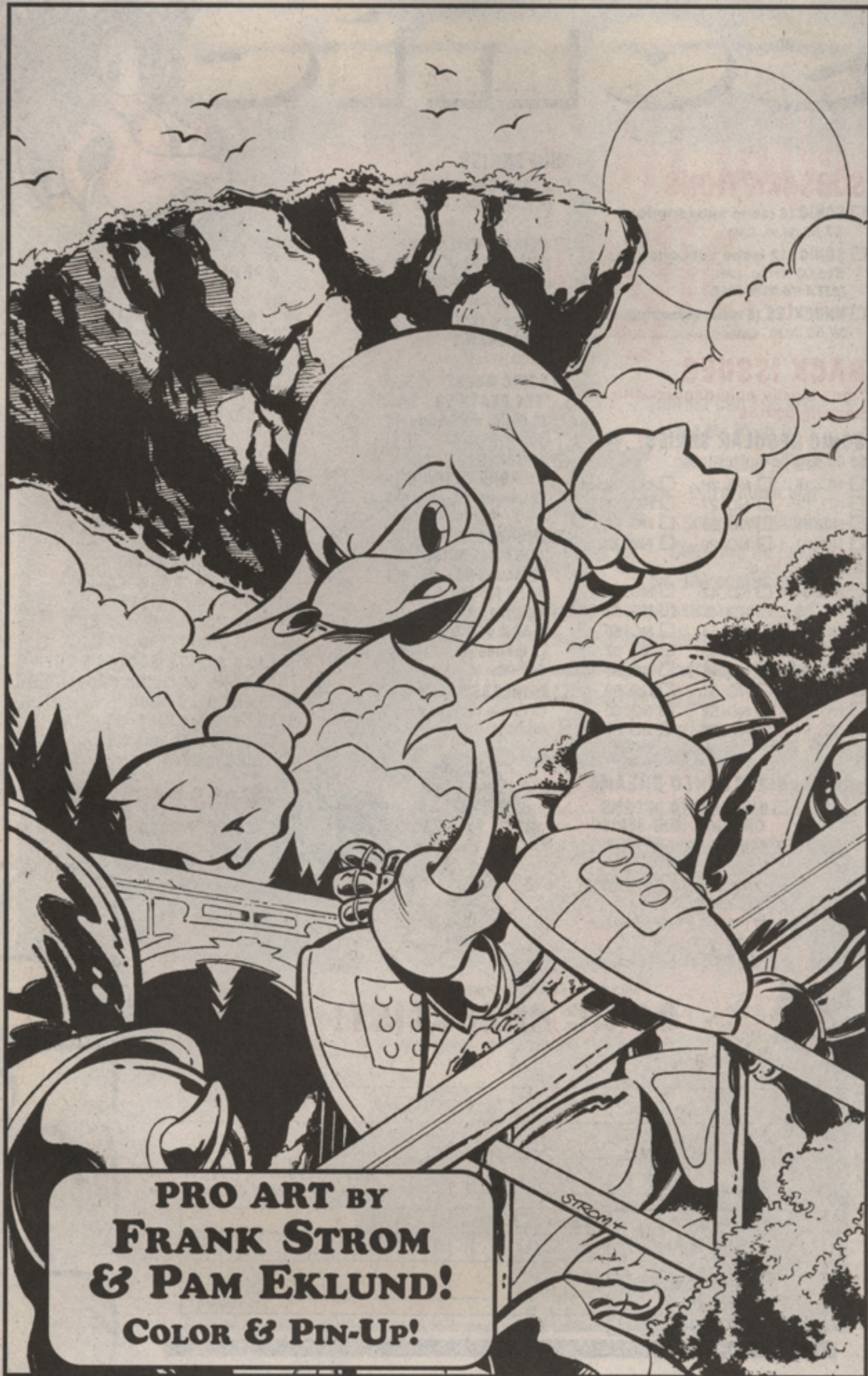


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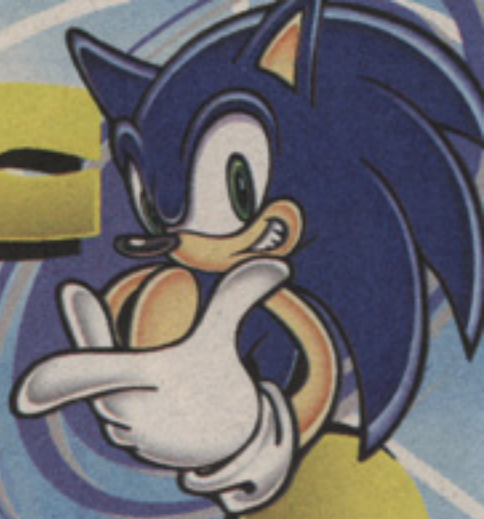
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